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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7208

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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING CHARGES ON SHIPMENTS OF
SECURITY EQUIPMENT

REF: A. STATE 263920

B. BEIRUT 14016

1. BY REF B EMBASSY REQUESTED SY FUNDS CITATION FOR USE IN
SHIPPING SY MATERIAL TO OTHER POSTS. ADDITIONAL DETAILS AND
REUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN THIS MATTER FOLLOW.

A. ALL SPECIALIZED SECURITY EQUIPMENT HAS NOW BEEN FORWARDED
BY AIR POUCH TO TEHRAN OR CASABLANCA. THES CHARGES, IN THE
EMBASSY'S OPINION, SHOULD CORRECTLY BE CHARGED TO THE REQUESTED
SY ALLOTMENT IN LIEU OF THE STANDARD POUCH SHIPMENT AUTHORIZATION
BUT WILL FOLLTW THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IN THIS MATTER.

B. REMAINING MATERIAL CONSISTS OF OFFICE FURNITURE, EQUIPMENT,
STORAGE CABINETS, WORK BENCHES, AND SIMILAR TYPE TECHNICAL
SECURITY PARAPHERNALIA. IT IS BULKY AND HEAVY BUT OF LOW VALUE.
EMBASSY THERFORE HESITATES TO SHIP THESE GOODS BY AIR, INCLUDING
BY AIR TO ATHENS ONLY FO ONFORWARDING TO CASABLANCA AND
TEHRAN BY SURFACE MEANS. IT WILL DO SO IF DEPARTMENT, I.E.,
SY AND NEA/EX, DIRECTS BUT WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THIS
MATERIAL BE LEFT IN BEIRUT FOR VENTUAL USE HERE OR AT NEARBY
POSTS AND THAT CASABLANCA AND TEHRAN BE AUTHORIZED TO PROCURE
THE ITEMS LOCALLY.

C. IF THE ABOVE IS NOT POSSIBLE OR ACCEPTABLE, AN ALTERNATIVE

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ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE FOR SHIPMENT FROM BEIRUT TO CASABLANCA,

OR NEARBY AIR BASE, AND TO TEHRAN BY MAC AIRCRAFT. THERE ARE FLIGHTS GOING TO BOTH DESTINATIONS AND EVEN THOUGH COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS COULD BE UTILIZED POSSIBLY A JUSTIFICATION CAN BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THIS CASE TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF MAC BASED ON SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. THE EQUIPMENT INVOLVED WILL BE NEEDED IN EARLY DECEMBER AT THE LATEST, AND THIS CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AIR TRANSPORT OR LEKAL MANUFACTURE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY HOW THE DEPARTMENT WISHES EMBASSY PROCEED IN THIS MATTER.
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